

**AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS**

1-5. (Canceled).

6. (Currently Amended): A liquid crystal display (LCD) device, comprising:

an upper polarizer having a color filter layer on a upper substrate;

a lower substrate on a lower polarizer;

a liquid crystal layer disposed between the upper substrate and the lower substrate; and

a backlight device disposed opposite and adjacent to the lower polarizer for emitting light toward the lower polarizer;

wherein the lower polarizer includes a light shielding layer [[film]] formed in a rectangular shape having a rectangular opening [[only]] along a peripheral portion of the lower polarizer to permit the light to pass through the rectangular opening;

wherein the light shielding layer only blocks a portion of the light traveling to four peripheral sides of the lower polarizer for minimizing constructive interference at a peripheral portion of the LCD device; and

wherein the light shielding film absorbs light.

7. (Currently Amended): A liquid crystal display (LCD) device according to claim 6, wherein the light shielding layer [[film]] includes a coating that absorbs light.

8. (Currently Amended): A liquid crystal display (LCD) device of claim 7, wherein the light shielding layer [[film]] is formed by a printed material.

9. (Currently Amended): A liquid crystal display (LCD) device of claim 6, wherein the light shielding layer [[film]] extends along four peripheral sides of the lower polarizer.

10. (Currently Amended): A liquid crystal display (LCD) device of claim 6, wherein the light shielding layer [[film]] is dark.

11. (Currently Amended): A liquid crystal display (LCD) device of claim 6, wherein the light shielding layer [[film]] is black.

12. (Previously Presented): The liquid crystal display (LCD) device of claim 6, wherein said liquid crystal display device is a dot matrix liquid crystal display.